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SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

DIADIN 59-5A (AS OF: 1845 EST 28 FEBRUARY 78)

CUBA: MORE CALL-UPS FOR ETHIOPIA. (U)

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1. [redacted] REPORTING FROM THE [redacted] IN HAVANA INDICATES THAT THERE WAS A CALL-UP OF TROOPS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. UNLIKE THE LAST ONE THAT OCCURRED IN MID-JANUARY AND INVOLVED YOUNG MEN IN THEIR MID-TWENTIES WITH NO PREVIOUS MILITARY TRAINING, THIS LATEST GROUP INCLUDED RESERVISTS AND OLDER MEN IN THEIR EARLY FORTIES WITH NO PREVIOUS SERVICE. REPORTEDLY, MOBILIZED PERSONNEL ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE ONE TO TWO MONTHS TRAINING BEFORE DEPLOYMENT. MEANWHILE, OFFICIALS IN HAVANA CONTINUE TO PUBLICLY UNDERSTATE THE ROLE AND NUMBER OF THEIR TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA.

2. [redacted] ON THE HOME FRONT THE SITUATION IS BEGINNING

TO SHOW SIGNS OF STRAIN AS A PROBABLE RESULT OF THE CONTINUING MILITARY ACTIVITIES. BASIC FOODSTUFFS, PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN MARKET IN HAVANA, ARE NOW IN DWINDLING SUPPLY. IN ADDITION, FIDEL CASTRO HAS CALLED FOR AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO COLLECT THE SPRING SUGAR CANE HARVEST THAT HAS BEEN DELAYED BY RAINS. LABORERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO WORK THE ENTIRE SEVEN-DAY WEEK AND TO CEASE WEEKEND ABSENTEEISM, WHICH IS CURRENTLY A PROBLEM.

3. [redacted] PREVIOUSLY, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE TROOP BUILD-UP IN ETHIOPIA -- NUMBERING 11,000 -- WAS FINISHED. IF THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER SIZABLE CALL TO THE COLORS AND THOSE TROOPS ARE DESTINED FOR ETHIOPIA AS REPORTED, PERHAPS HAVANA PLANS TO MAINTAIN A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE HORN FOR SOME MONTHS. THIS NEW MOBILIZATION COULD ALSO BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE A LONG-OVERDUE TROOP ROTATION IN ANGOLA.

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